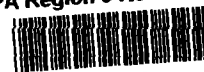


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**TO:** Paul Steadman, U.S. EPA Region 5 OSC

**FROM:** John Sherrard, Ecology and Environment, Inc. START

**DATE:** June 25, 1997

**RE:** GHR Foundry - PRP oversight  
Monthly Report #1 - May 23, 1997 through June 24, 1997

On May 23, 1997, Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E) Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team member (STARTM) John Sherrard met with U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Paul Steadman at the GHR Foundry site, Dayton, Ohio. Weston is the prime contractor for the potentially responsible party (PRP). An asbestos contractor, American Environmental, Inc., was on site to pick up and remove asbestos-containing transite boards. Weston personnel were sampling drums and planning to sample the underground storage tanks (USTs) on site. Armed security guards are present on site during non-working hours. Vandalism and trespassing onto the property is a main concern. The site is fenced but trespassers continue to find a way to enter onto the site.

On May 28, 1997, STARTM Sherrard was on site to oversee the asbestos contractor conduct asbestos abatement in the office building. All open windows were covered with visqueen and warning signs were placed around the perimeter of the building warning people of the asbestos abatement activities inside. Perimeter air sampling was being conducted by Helix Environmental, Inc. There are approximately 45 drums on site having polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) labels affixed to them. Weston will collect a composite sample of the drums and send it for PCB analysis as well as disposal analysis. Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc. will transport and dispose the PCB wastes at a later date. A total of six lined 30-yard rolloff boxes of transite boards were removed from site. The material was shipped to Rumpke landfill, Cincinnati, Ohio for disposal.

On May 29, 1997, Jay Kessel, Ohio Department of Health, was on site to inspect the asbestos abatement contractors.

On May 30, 1997, asbestos abatement activities began in the office building. Abatement activities are scheduled to be completed by June 6, 1997. Approximately 34 drums, 2 ASTs, and 3 USTs were sampled from May 22 through May 30.

On June 2, 1997, all liquid sampling has been completed. All USTs have been sampled. Approximately seven inches of product/sludge remains in one UST, three inches in another, and ten inches remain in an old kerosene tank.

On June 3, 1997, a total of fourteen abatement personnel are in the office building conducting the cleanup. Mark Boden, OEPA - Cessation of Regulated Operations, was on site and talked with STARTM Sherrard. STARTM Sherrard gave OEPA Boden OSC Steadman's phone number if any questions needed to be answered.

On June 5, 1997, STARTM Sherrard was informed that abatement activities will be completed by June 7, 1997. Weston still awaiting Laidlaw Environmental's schedule to come out and pick up PCB-containing drums, transformers, and capacitors.

On June 6, 1997, asbestos abatement in the office building continued.

On June 9, 1997, asbestos abatement completed. Clearance air samples were collected. The large number of bagged asbestos in Room G were not disposed because the asbestos contractor was concerned with the sludge on the floor of the room. Weston collected a sample and results will follow.

On June 11, 1997, The Staver Group, Inc., was on site to remove the five transformers located on the roof of Plant G. All transformers were staged on visqueen inside the fenced area. Two transformers were too heavy to be staged with the others and will be left alone until disposal is arranged. One of the two transformers leaked oil onto the ground. Weston cleaned up the spill of approximately five gallons with absorbent. Previous analysis of the liquid showed a PCB concentration of 43.1 milligrams per liter (mg/L). All absorbant was drummed picked up and placed into a drum.

On June 12, 1997, Weston informs STARTM Sherrard that Weston and Laidlaw are still in contract negotiations. Final air clearance samples are still being analyzed. The results of PCB analysis on the sludge in Room G are still awaiting.

On June 13, 1997, the results of the PCB analysis on the floor sludge in Room G showed a PCB concentration of 41 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). The asbestos abatement contractor removed all visqueen and containment from the office building. Clearance air samples from the office building showed no elevated asbestos fiber counts.

On June 18, 1997, Weston still in contract negotiations with Laidlaw Environmental. The remaining bags of asbestos in Room G will be picked up and disposed on Saturday, June 21. A total of three 40-yard rolloff boxes were filled with bagged asbestos and properly disposed at Rumpke landfill in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On June 23, 1997, a tanker from Trans Enviro was on site to pump out the PCB liquids from a total of 45 drums and the leaking transformer. Approximately 2,500 gallons were collected and sent for disposal to Laidlaw's Twinsburg, Ohio facility. Laidlaw Environmental will be on site tomorrow to pick up the capacitors and transformers.

On June 24, 1997, Laidlaw Environmental was on site and picked up fifteen transformers, fifty-two capacitors, three oil switches, and forty-nine drums that had been emptied of PCB oil the previous day along with miscellaneous debris, PPE, and sorbant associated with PCB removal activities. All waste was transported to Laidlaw's Twinsburg, Ohio facility. Debris removal will begin July 9, 1997.

Please call me at the Cincinnati office (513-771-9314) if you have any questions pertaining to the GHR Foundry site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sherrard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Sherrard".

John Sherrard  
E & E START Project Manager